

Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Best Western Governor's Inn Richmond, VA

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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For more 'green' specific information: www.bestwestern.com

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:
- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Newspaper

Reduce solid waste

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

Use water efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

Conserve energy

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- Track overall energy bills
- Use ENERGY STARs Benchmarking Tools for the Hospitality Industry
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)

Offer a green events package

- Include the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages (see the factsheet on Environmentally-Responsible Conferences & Events)

For more information on **Best Western Governor's Inn**, see www.bestwestern.com or contact Mahendra Patel at bwgovernorsinn@yahoo.com or 804-323-0007.

For more information on the Virginia Green program,

see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.

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